

CALL FOR PAPERS

Project Management in Southern Africa: Approaches, Experience, Trends

PMWJ seeks articles, papers, case studies and stories from PM practitioners across Southern Africa

7 January 2022 – Dallas, TX, USA and Johannesburg, South Africa – The *PM World Journal (PMWJ)* has issued a call for papers from project management experts, practitioners and professionals in Southern Africa. Articles, papers, case studies and stories about projects and project management across the region are sought for publication in upcoming editions of the *PMWJ*.

According to Wikipedia, “The economy of South Africa is the third largest in Africa and the most industrialized, technologically advanced, and diversified economy in Africa overall. South Africa’s Gross Domestic Product was roughly US\$317 billion in 2021. In the same period, foreign exchange reserves increased from US\$3 billion to nearly US\$50 billion, creating a diversified economy with a growing and sizable middle class. [1]

Countries commonly included in Southern Africa include Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia, and Zimbabwe... The region is distinct from the rest of Africa, with a robust mining sector and comparatively developed secondary and tertiary sectors. Additionally many countries have relatively well developed infrastructure... (Map courtesy of wikitravel.org [2])



Generally, mining, agriculture, the public sector and tourism dominate the economies of Southern African countries, apart from South Africa which has mature and flourishing financial, retail, and construction sectors. Zimbabwe maintains a smaller banking and real estate sector along with what remains of its manufacturing industry, despite a protracted economic crisis. Over the years, some other Southern African nations have invested in economic diversification, and invested public funds into rail, road and air transportation to boost regional trade and improve communication and transportation. The countries in this region also belong to the Southern Africa Power Pool...” [2]

Southern Africa now has multiple registered project management professional societies, including Project Management South Africa (PMSA) and PMI chapters in Angola, Botswana, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe. PM Zimbabwe is a national association based in Harare. Clearly, there is a growing community of project management professionals and organizations working in the region.

According to PMWJ editor David Pells, “We have recently signed a cooperation agreement with PMSA to support the promotion and advancement of project management in South Africa. Now we are inviting PMSA members and other PM professionals throughout Southern Africa to share their experience.”

Prof Les Labuschagne, PMSA Director, stated “We want to encourage our members to share their knowledge as well as get published, which can enhance their professional qualifications. The PMWJ offers an opportunity to do both. Plus, we can grow our local body of PM knowledge more rapidly this way.”

Pells added, “There is a long and complex history of projects in South Africa. In addition, conditions for projects and programs in Southern African countries can vary widely and be quite different from those in many other parts of the world. What are those different conditions and how are they affecting the way projects are being implemented? What works and what does not? We would like to help capture some of that knowledge and experience.”

Authors of articles, papers and other original works related to program and project management in Southern Africa can submit works for publication, or if seeking more information, to editor@peworldjournal.com. To view author guidelines, go to <https://peworldjournal.com/pmwi-author-guidelines>.

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